

**Murray City Municipal Council  
Chambers  
Murray City, Utah**

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**T**he Municipal Council of Murray City, Utah, met on Tuesday, the 21<sup>st</sup> day of March 2006 at 6:30 p.m., for a meeting held in the Murray City Council Chambers, 5025 South State Street, Murray, Utah.

Roll Call consisted of the following:

Krista Dunn,	Council Chair
Pat Griffiths,	Council Member - conducted
Robbie Robertson,	Council Member
Jim Brass,	Council Member
Jeff Dredge,	Council Member

Other who attended:

Daniel Snarr,	Mayor
Jan Wells,	Chief of Staff
Frank Nakamura,	City Attorney
Shannon Huff Jacobs,	Council Director
Carol Heales,	City Recorder
Don Whetzel,	Finance Director
Gary Merrill,	General Manager, Power
Mark Riet,	Power Department
Dave Fehr,	Power Department
Ken White,	Power Department
Gil Rodriguez,	Fire Chief
Doug Hill,	Director, Public Services
Dick Stauffer,	Former Council Member District #1
Boy Scouts,	Troop #928 and #1487
Citizens	

Ms. Griffiths conducted the meeting

Ms. Griffiths had each Scout introduce themselves, give their names, Troop # and what Merit Badges they are working. She invited the Troop Leaders to stands also, and introduce themselves.

**A. OPENING CEREMONIES**

1. Pledge of Allegiance

Sam Furner, Scout Troop #928

2. Approval of Minutes

None

3. Special Recognition(s)

- a. Consider a Joint Resolution of the Mayor and Municipal Council in Appreciation of Ed Colburn.

Ms. Griffiths read the resolution.

Ms. Dunn made a motion to adopt the resolution.

Mr. Robertson 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call Vote Recorded by Ms. Heales.

**AYE/NAY**

<u>A</u>	Ms. Dunn
<u>A</u>	Mr. Dredge
<u>A</u>	Mr. Robertson
<u>A</u>	Mr. Brass
<u>A</u>	Ms. Griffiths

Motion passed 5-0

Mr. Griffiths added the Council's congratulations and thanks for his many years of faithful service.

Mayor Snarr noted Ed's accounting has always been exceptional. We do appreciate all his great services for many years. Ed is really not gone by the way, the City has hired him back to finish up some of the books by summer and wrap them up and put them away.

Mr. Colburn thanked everyone for this Resolution of Appreciation, he does appreciate it. Retirement is very good, even after one week.

- b. Recognition of David Fehr on completion of the two-year Arborist . Apprenticeship Program.

Presentor: Ken White, Operations Manager, Murray City Power

Mr. White noted they are here to pay recognition to one of their fellow employees of the Power Department, David Fehr. Mr. Fehr came to work with the Power Department a little more than two years ago. Mr. Fehr obtained an Arborist Apprenticeship Bid and he entered into Apprenticeship Program that involves two years worth of on the job training, as well as two years worth of going to school at UVSC in Orem, UT.

Mr. White introduced Gary Merrill, General Manager, and Mark Reit, who is Forestry Supervisor. Mr. White then introduced Mr. Fehr's wife Katie and their son Trace who are here for Dave's recognition. Mr. White presented Mr. Fehr with a Certificate and congratulated him, and wished him good luck.

Ms. Griffiths congratulated Mr. Fehr again, it is a very important function of the Power Department to maintain the reliability of utilities and congratulated Mr. Fehr thanked him for his service and wish him a long career with Murray City.

**B. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

(Comments are limited to 3 minutes unless otherwise approved by the Council.)

**Dick Stauffer, 5729 River Park Drive, Murray, UT**

Mr. Stauffer frequently goes over to the Park Center and works out and his wife goes over to the Aerobics Center; what a great facility that is. The impressive thing is most of the time that he is over there, our Firemen are over there working out. They are running, about 5 laps to his 1. Mr. Stauffer thinks it is great that Fire Chief is keeping in good shape to better serve the citizens of Murray.

Ms. Griffiths noted some more Scouts came in. She asked them to stand and state their names, troop numbers and the Merit Badges they are working on.

**C. CONSENT AGENDA**

None scheduled.

**D. Public Hearing(s)**

None scheduled.

**E. UNFINISHED BUSINESS**

None scheduled.

**F. NEW BUSINESS**

1. Consider an Ordinance amending Section 12.24.230 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to Fees for use of the Murray Park Outdoor Swimming Pool.

Staff Presentation: Doug Hill, Director Public Services

Mr. Hill noted, this ordinance which the council has before them, does two things, 1) It does make slight increases to the daily admission prices and punch card prices at Murray Park Outside Swimming Pool. Those fees range from \$.25 for adults, up to \$1.00 for seniors with \$ .50 for children and youth. Those increases will amount up to approximately \$15,000 in revenue.

Mr. Hill wanted to point out the revenue which is brought in from these fee increases, goes toward off setting the expenses of the cost to run the outdoor swimming pool. Most people don't know how expensive it is to run a swimming pool. The City spends about \$220,000 a year to operate the outdoor swimming pool during the summer months. They only bring in about \$120,000 in revenue, the tax payers are subsidizing the outdoor swimming pool. The fee increases really don't bring in any profit for the City, but they just offset the cost of running the swimming pool.

2) Since the Park Center opened, if people have a membership at the Park Center, they would also like to have that combined with the outdoor swimming pool pass. This ordinance does that. If this ordinance is passed, if you have an annual membership at the Park Center, then the person(s) can be admitted to the outdoor swimming pool for free.

Mr. Hill's hope is that more people will buy memberships at the Park Center, which potentially could produce some additional revenue to the General Fund. This has been discussed with Parks and Recreation Advisory Board, and it comes with their positive recommendation.

Ms. Griffiths had a question for Mr. Hill. There is a discount for the senior's daily admission fees, but not on the punch cards. Could the Seniors & Youth be put on a punch card, 10 admissions for \$25.00?

Mr. Hill noted yes they could purchase a punch card with Youth/Seniors 10 Admissions, \$25.00.

Mr. Brass made a motion to accept the Ordinance with the amendment to include senior's with youth on the punch card price, which amends section 12.24.230 of the Murray City Municipal Code.

Mr. Dredge 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call Vote Recorded by Ms. Heales.

**AYE/NAY**

A Ms. Dunn  
A Mr. Dredge  
A Mr. Robertson  
A Mr. Brass  
A Ms. Griffiths

Motion passed 5-0

2. Consider an Ordinance amending Section 12-28.030 and Section 12.28.040 of the Murray City Municipal Code relating to Green Fees and Golf Course Operation Rentals.

Staff Presentor: Doug Hill, Director Public Services

Mr. Hill noted, unlike the swimming pool, the golf course runs like a true business. It is an Enterprise Fund, it is not subsidized by the taxpayers of the City, but rather it should run so that the golfers who pay the fees, pay expenses of the golf course.

As they were preparing for the upcoming budget year, they did a few things, they did a market comparison of what other golf courses are doing, and compared our fees to them, and found through this market comparison, that several golf courses in the Salt Lake County have increased their fees. (see handout.) On doing that comparison, Murray City was lower than comparable golf courses, there was room to increase their fees and still stay within market.

Mr. Hill continued, the other thing they needed to do was because of the equipment and capital expenditures which have been put off the last few years at the golf course, they needed to replace a lot of that equipment that was breaking down and wearing out. In looking at the cost of that equipment and the amount of

money they projected to bring in, they found they did not have enough money in order to replace that equipment. They are recommending that they make slight adjustments to the fees, both for green fees as well as cart rental fees.

What they are wanting to do is to immediately increase the green fees \$ .50. When you look at the comparison chart that still leaves them a dollar or two lower than all of the surrounding golf courses, which are of comparable quality. There is still some room that should in the future if we want to increase green fees or need to increase green fees, they could still do that and stay within market, but they felt for now, there wasn't a necessary need to increase those fees. Murray City prides itself on having affordable recreation facilities.

Mr. Hill indicated the Ordinance which is before the Council would then also increase the cart rental fee \$ .50, but that would not go into effect until January 1, 2007. The reason is they wanted to delay the increase until January, because in January they do plan on purchasing new golf carts. It would make sense to increase the fees at the same time that they provide new golf carts to the golfers.

Mr. Hill continued, one thing that he would like the Council to consider amending to the Ordinance, is increasing the Range Ball Tokens by \$ .50 also. That came about because they noticed that Salt Lake County also increase the cost of their Range Ball Tokens. Most places now are charging \$3.50-\$4.00 for their Range Ball Token. Mr. Hill would like to recommend that theirs be moved from \$2.50 to \$3.00, again, still keeping it lower than everybody else, and still will produce a little bit of extra revenue for the City.

The increases will generate approximately \$27,000 in new revenue to the Golf Course, and will help purchase much needed equipment and other capital improvement. This has been reviewed by the Mayor, Mr. Whetzel, the Parks & Recreation Advisory Board and comes with a positive recommendation.

Mr. Robertson made a motion to approve the ordinance amending section 12.28.030 and section 12.28.040 and amend the ordinance to increase Range Ball Fees from \$2.50 to \$3.00.

Ms. Dunn 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call Vote Recorded by Ms. Heales.

**AYE/NAY**

<u>A</u>	Ms. Dunn
<u>A</u>	Mr. Dredge
<u>A</u>	Mr. Robertson
<u>A</u>	Mr. Brass
<u>A</u>	Ms. Griffiths

Motion passed 5-0

3. Consider a Resolution approving an Interlocal Cooperation Agreement between the City and Salt Lake County for receipt by the City of Tier II "Zoo, Arts, and Parks" Funds.

Presentator: Doug Hill, Director, Public Services

Mr. Hill noted, ever since 1997, the citizens of Salt Lake County have voted to increase their taxes in order to benefit Zoo, Arts & Parks facilities and programs. Murray City has been one of the many beneficiaries of that tax. This year we applied for those funds again and received a grant for \$43,050.00 from the ZAP funds. This money goes into the General Fund and will be used to offset the costs of the Cities Cultural Art Programs, such as "Arts in the Parks," "Lunch Concert Series," all sorts of other activities that the City gets involved with.

The Agreement is with Salt Lake County, should you approve it tonight, will be sign and send back to the County and they will send us a check for just a little more than \$43,000.

Ms. Griffiths commented that Mary Ann Kirk does such a great job as the Cultural Arts Specialist for the City. Her services are exceptional.

Mr. Dredge made a motion to adopt the Resolution.

Mr. Brass 2<sup>nd</sup> the motion.

Call Vote Recorded by Ms. Heales.

**AYE/NAY**

A Ms. Dunn  
A Mr. Dredge  
A Mr. Robertson  
A Mr. Brass  
A Ms. Griffiths

Motion passed 5-0

## **G. MAYOR**

### **1. Report**

- ✓ Mayor Snarr's office has received many calls about the area around Vine Street being disturbed again. The Mayor's Office is giving them a detailed explanation as to why this is happening, and the fact that the City is in the process of addressing the Little Brown Ditch Company, and that is what all the green PVC pipe is piled up in Vine street

The Mayor has actually asked people to come into his office and spend some time with him, who have really been somewhat irate about it. Once they understand the challenges the City faces with that road, rebuilding it, not only building a new water line, but having to sleeve the sewer line, and address the erosion of the road caused by the Little Brown Ditch Company, allowing water to go under our sewer line. They have a better appreciation for the fact that the City is trying to it and do it right the first time.

They want to get the new line in so if they can irrigate their property this summer. There are 12 users who use that ditch. By June they should have a new overlay on the road and it will be a first class road in Murray.

Ms. Griffiths has also received several calls and comments regarding Vine Street. People are understanding of how the City is handling it and are appreciative of the it..

Mayor Snarr tries to explain to people that we are trying to have world class water systems, so we don't lose a Jr. High School.

Ms. Griffiths has started getting calls again about the increase of Utah Power & Light and when can the annexed people get on Murray Power.

Mayor Snarr noted, when he goes to the gym that is the number one question. He tells them it is a long way off.

Ms. Griffiths has referred a few to Mr. Merrill and you the Mayor, because you know the conditions that need to be met and have the expertise on power delivery.

### **2. Questions of the Mayor**

## **H. ADJOURNMENT**



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Recorded by Carol Heales, City Recorder